

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars:

Drawings

Applicant notes that, while the Office Action Summary indicates that the drawings filed on March 30, 2006 are accepted by the examiner, the examiner states in the Detailed Action that "the applicant's drawings submitted are not acceptable for examination purposes." This appears to be a typographical error, in that no further explanation or objection is given. It is respectfully requested that, if the examiner has any objections to the drawings, they be further clarified in the next Office Action.

Rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-7 presently stand rejected as being anticipated by Mowery et al (U.S. 6,984,152). This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly set forth the present invention, by identifying the first and second resistors instead as a pull-down resistor and a pull-up resistor. Claim 1 is further amended to point out that the memory card uses the pull-down and the pull-up resistors to separate two of the interfaces by activating one of the interfaces for detecting the first voltage level of the first buffer when the memory card is inserted into a first card reader, such that the first buffer is activated to send the first control signal if the detection of the first voltage level of the first buffer is positive; or by activating another interface for detecting the second voltage level of the second buffer when the memory card is inserted into a second card reader, such that the second buffer is activated to send the second control signal if the detection of the second voltage level of the second buffer is positive.

It is respectfully submitted that Mowery fails to disclose or suggest each and every element of amended claim 1 of the present application. Mowery fails to disclose or

suggest a first buffer coupled to a controller for sending a first control signal, the first buffer including a pull-down resistor for providing a first voltage level, and a second buffer coupled to a controller for sending a second control signal, the second buffer including a pull-down resistor for providing a second voltage level.

Mowery has no teaching or suggestion of using the pull-up and pull-down resistors to separate one interface from another, and this feature is not shown in the Mowery's circuit identified by the examiner. "Series resistors 830 and 840, in the signal lines from SQRVDRV to SQRV3 and SQRV4, respectively, protect the host controller bus driver from shorts when SQRV3 and SQRV4 are switched back to ground." (*Mowery*; col. 6, lines 8-12). Accordingly, Mowery's resistors 830 and 840 provide circuitry protection only, and are not used for interface distinction as set forth in claim 1 of the present application.

Further, there is no teaching or suggestion that Mowery's resistors 830 and 840 are a pull-up and a pull-down resistor. Instead, both perform the same function of simply protecting against a short circuit.

For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that Mowery does not anticipate claim 1, or claims 2-7 which depend from claim 1, because Mowery fails to disclose or suggest each and every element set forth in claim 1. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments to the claims, and in further view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is requested that claims 1-7 be allowed and the application be passed to issue.


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If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicant's attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown.

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